

Podcasts in the Classroom

A short intro in using GarageBand

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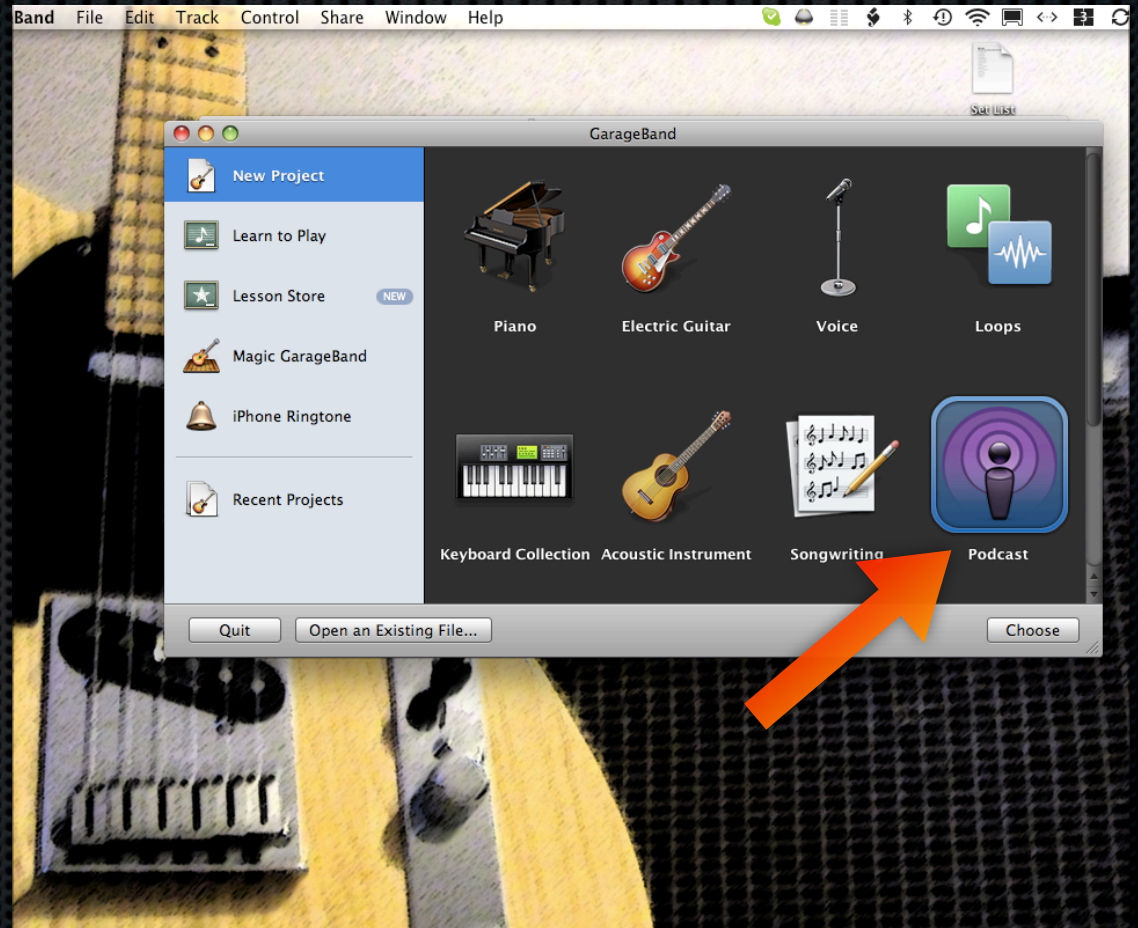
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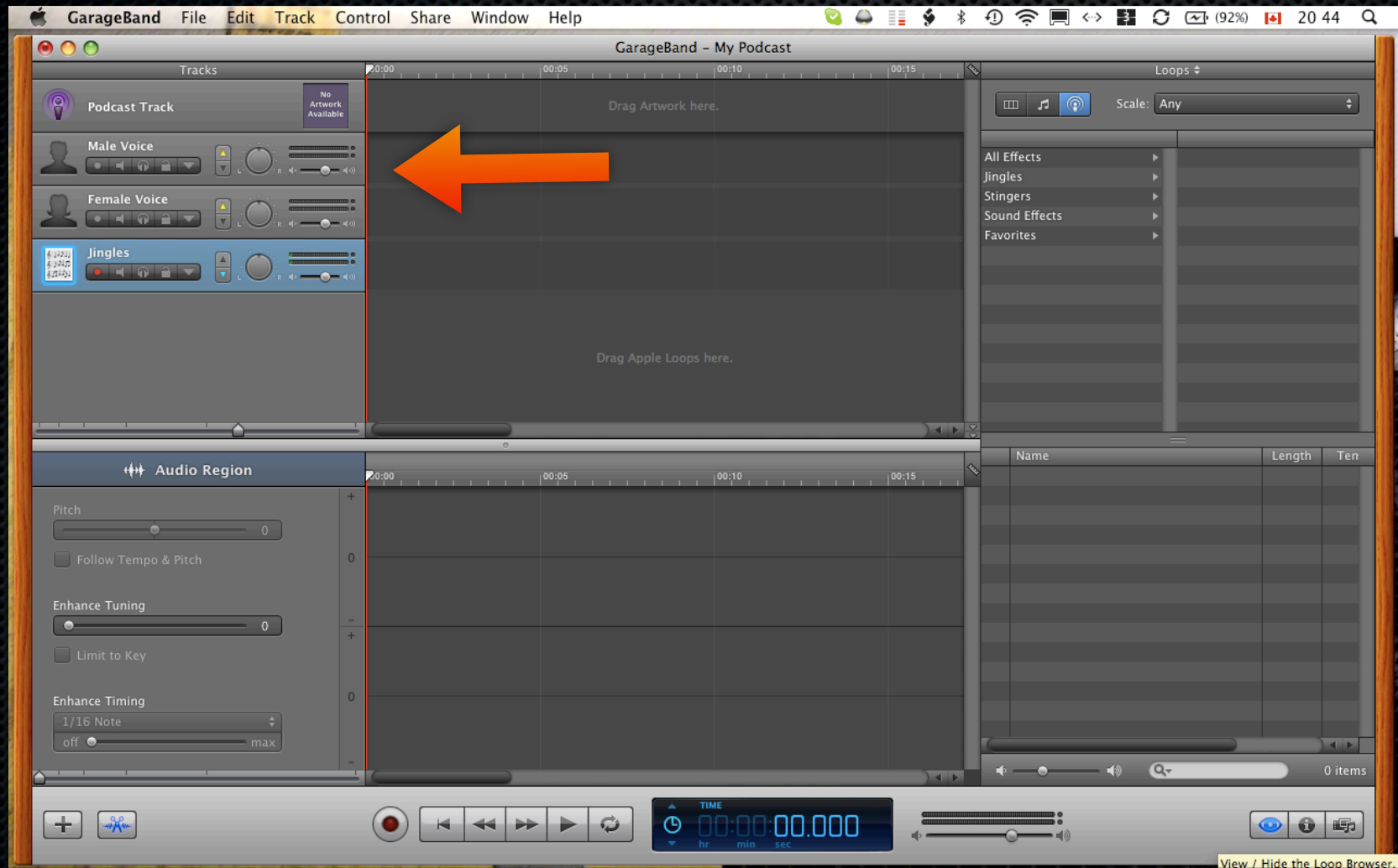
- ✦ Podcasts can be a great way to get students motivated in project based learning initiatives.
- ✦ They are a great way for students to express themselves, give information or to present their research to classmates.
- ✦ They are also a good way to personalize for specific students who are unable to perform a presentation/oral assessment.

Getting started

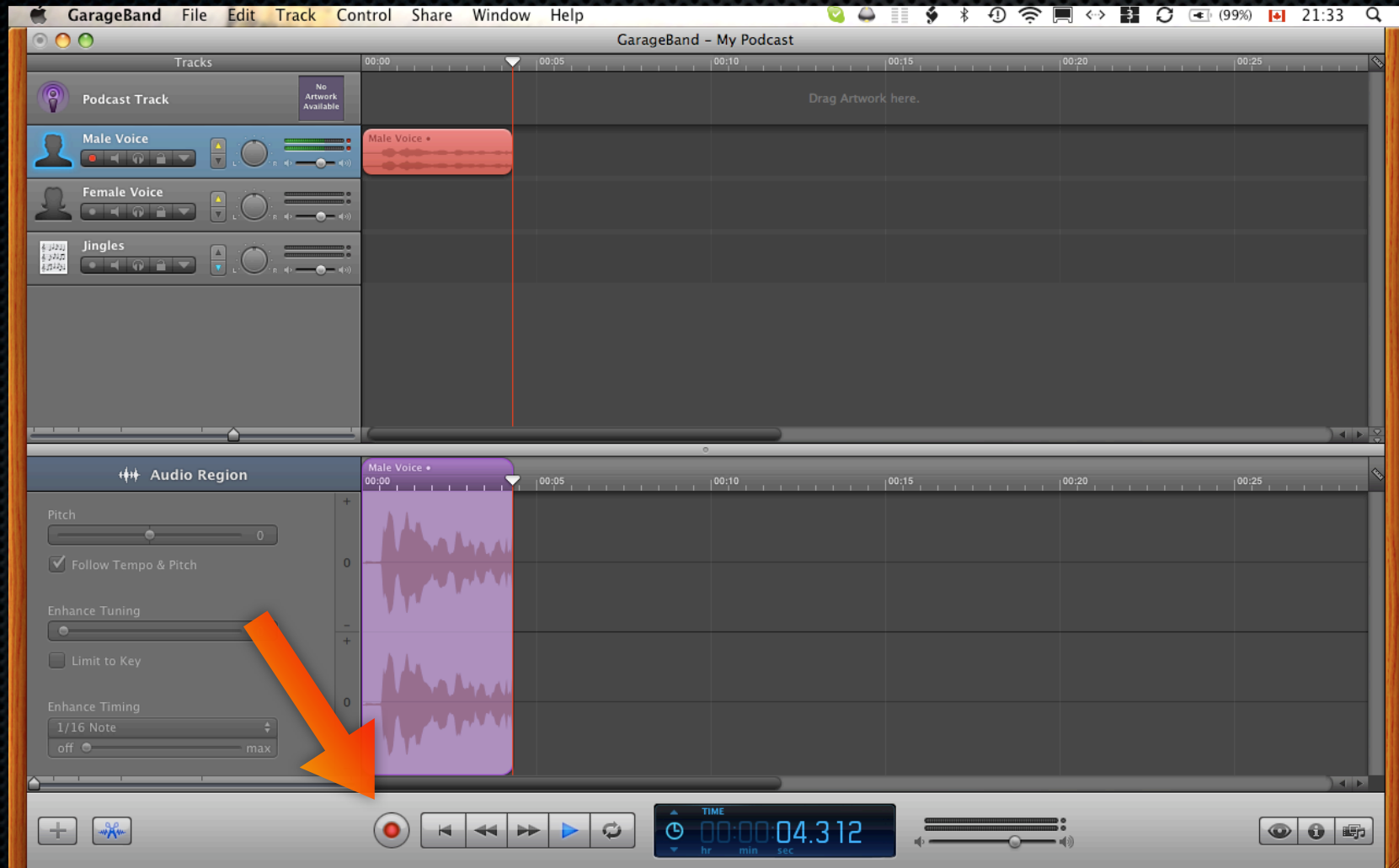
- ✦ Get a good computer like an Apple computer or a Mac ;c)
- ✦ Apple computers come with the option of getting a software bundle called iLife... get it, it's worth it!
- ✦ In this bundle, you will find an application called "GarageBand". It is a simplified recording software with many cool features.
- ✦ One of these features is a pre-set Podcast recording option.



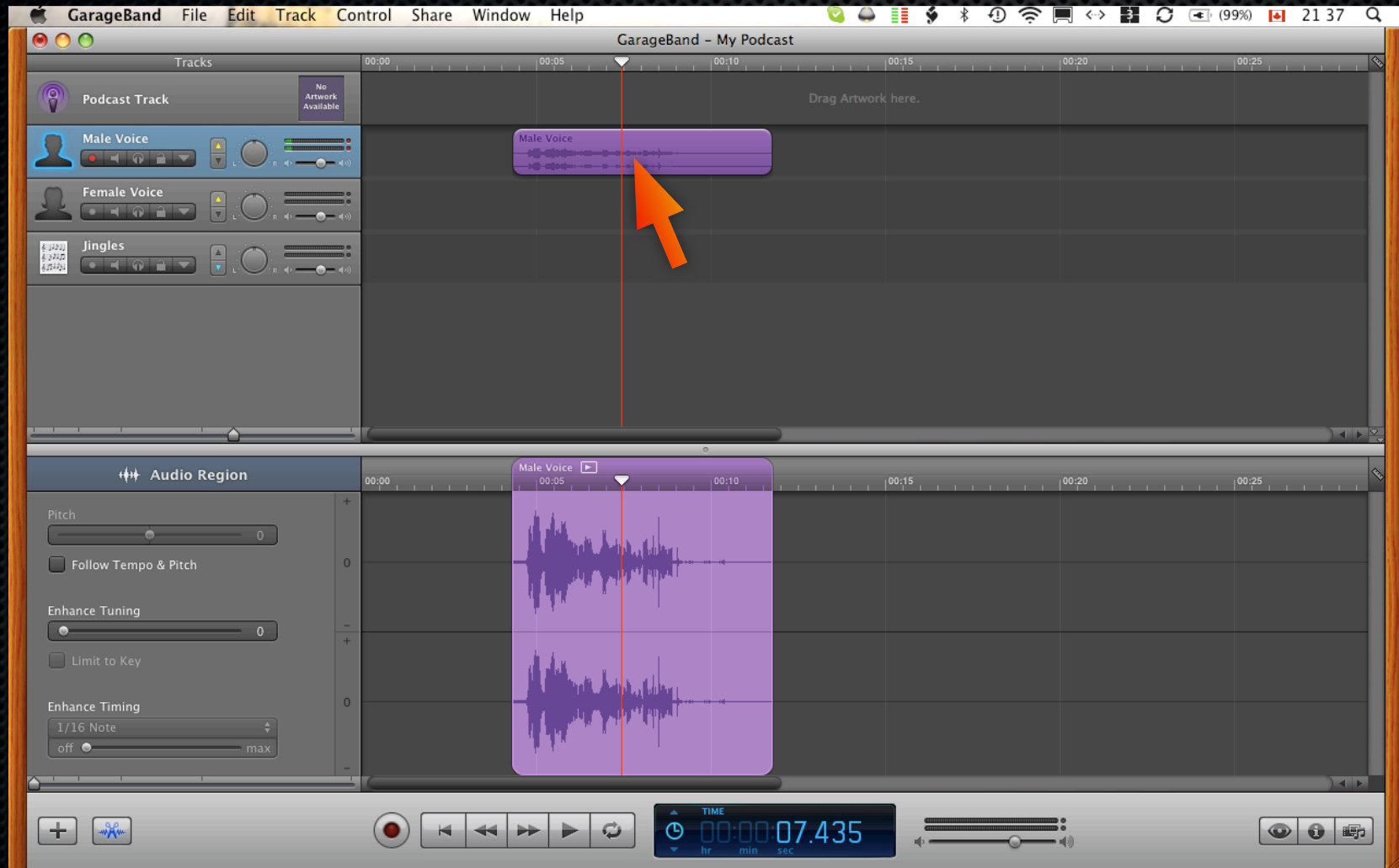
- When GarageBand loads-up, you will notice that you have four tracks to start with.
- A Podcast track is for pictures, a male voice track, a female voice track and a jingles track.
- The male and female voice tracks have slightly different EQ settings.



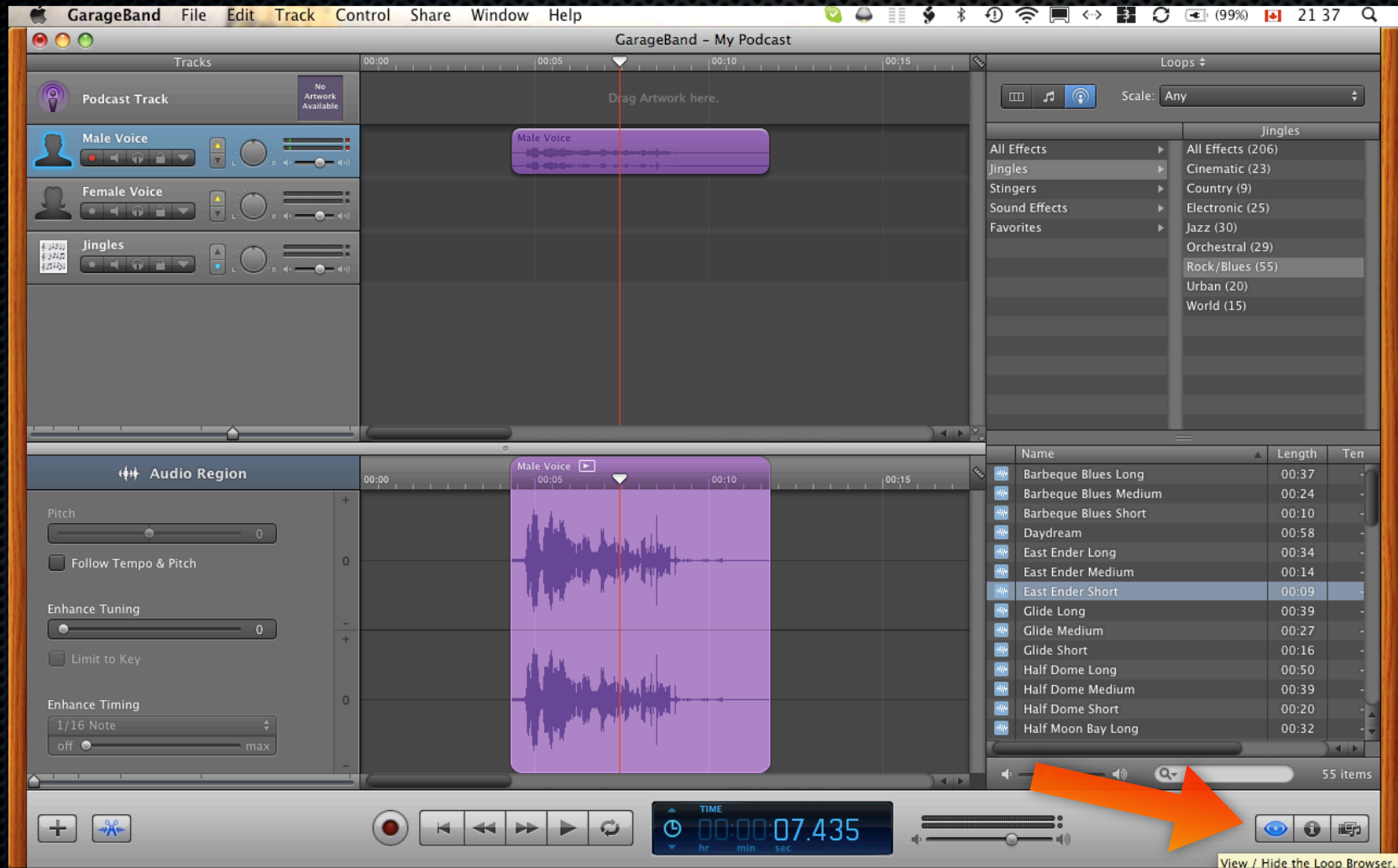
- ✦ To begin recording, select the track you wish to record on and press the red recording button at the bottom of the screen or the R key on the keyboard.
- ✦ Press the spacebar to stop recording



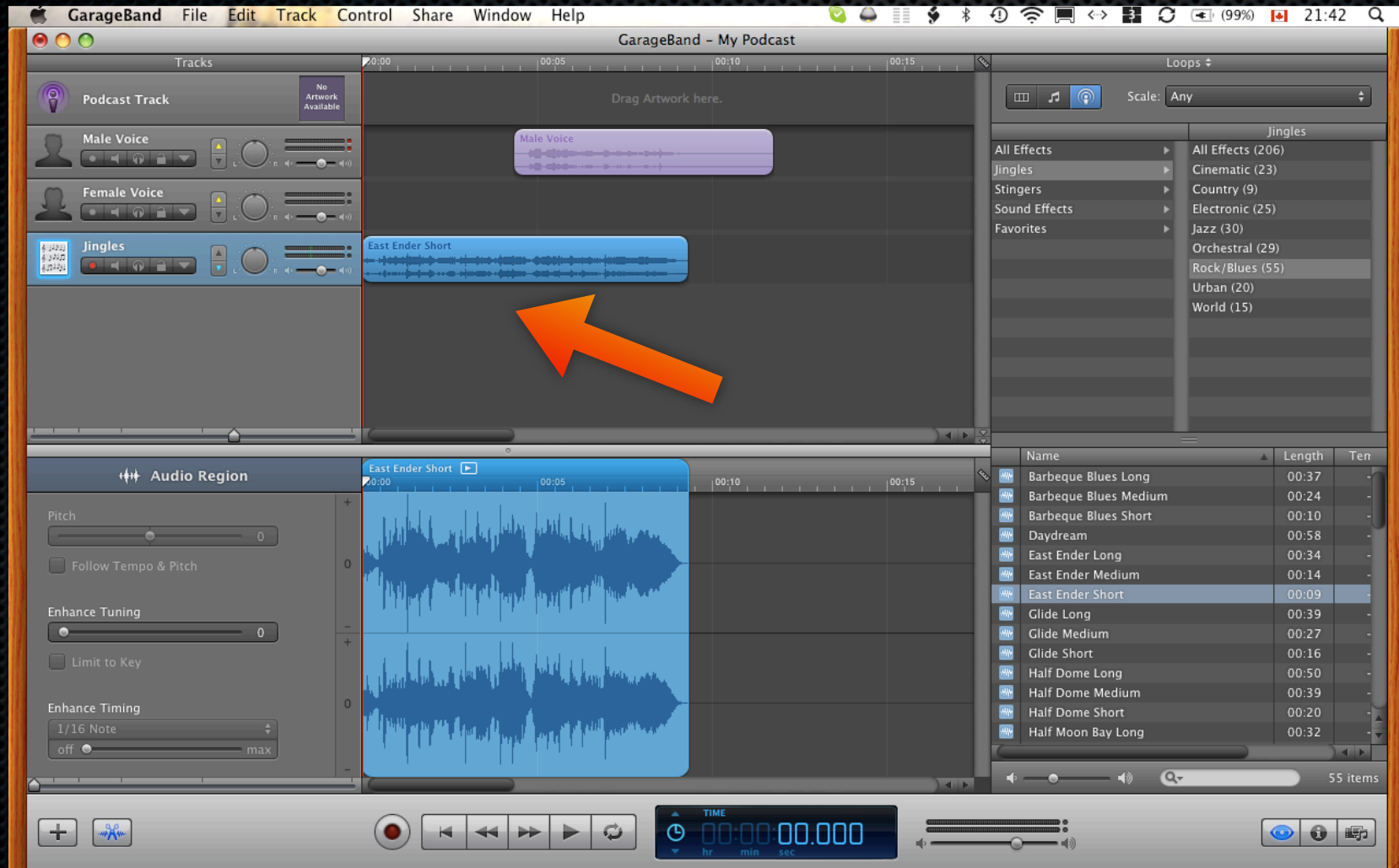
- You can move your newly recorded file by clicking and dragging.
- Let's do so to make room for an intro jingle!



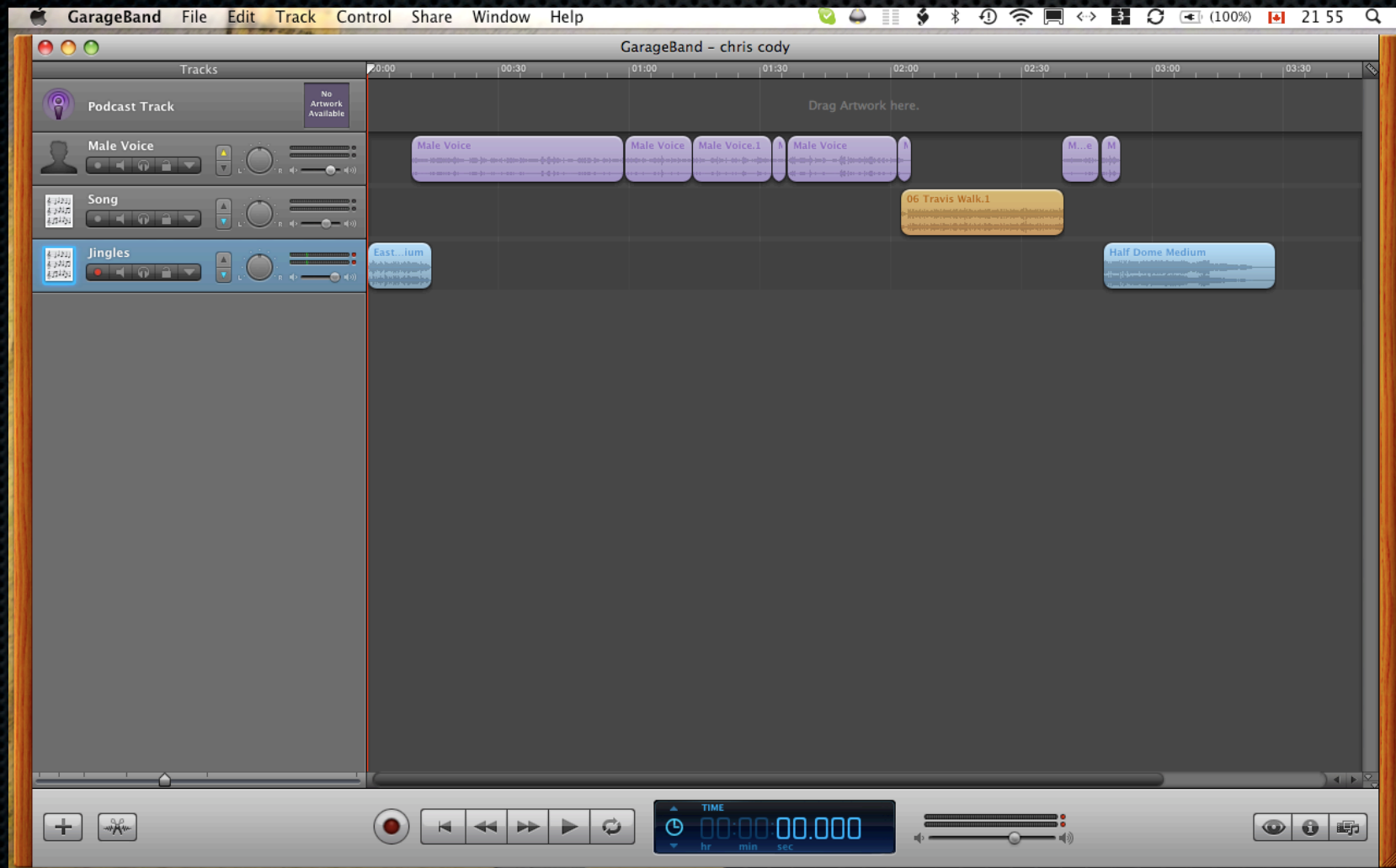
- ✦ Clicking on the “Loop Browser” in the bottom right of the screen will open a list of available loops and sound files already in your computer!



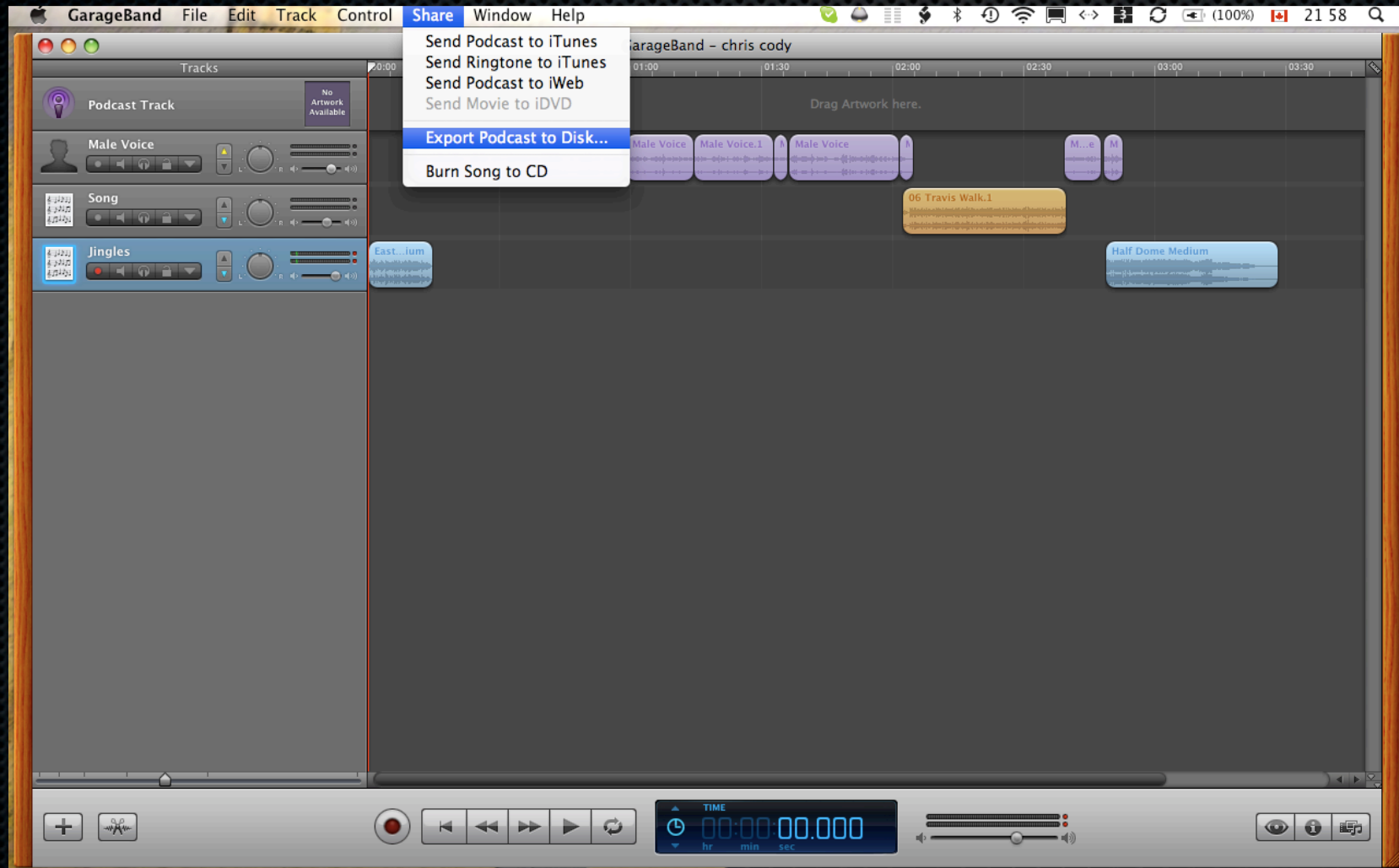
- ✦ Choose a file and insert it in the “Jingles” track.
- ✦ GarageBand will automatically lower the volume of the Jingles track when it overlaps another track!
- ✦ You can have full length background music if you wish or just intro and outro music.



- ✦ This is an example of student work from FHS last Fall.



- ✦ To publish their work, students can “export Podcast to Disk...” and save it to a USB drive, CD or even email it to themselves.



- They can choose the compression algorithm that suits them best (quality) and choose an audio setting for their purpose.
- Export. Done.

